

At the meeting of the Public Service Commission of the State of Montana held at the Commission's Offices in Helena, Montana, on Tuesday January 24, 2006, the following members were present:

Greg Jergeson, Chairman  
Brad Molnar, Vice Chairman (via telephone)  
Doug Mood, Commissioner  
Thomas J. Schneider, Commissioner

Commissioner Robert H. Raney left his proxy votes with Chairman Jergeson.

APPEARANCE

Eric Eck  
Utility Division

(33) In the matter of Black Hills Power December 21, 2005 filed Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on December 23, 2005. No requests have been received. This application will increase revenues by \$46, 632 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default Order has been drafted- Docket No. D2005.12.176:

Commissioner Molnar moved to grant Black Hills Power's Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Wayne Budt, Administrator  
Transportation & Centralized Services Division

(34) In the matter of the approval of Commission Minutes:

Commissioner Mood moved to approve the Commission Minutes for the week of January 17, 2006. Commissioner Schneider seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Robin McHugh, Administrator  
Legal Division

(35) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Big Mountain Water request for tariff modification- Docket No. D2005.12.179:

Commissioner Schneider moved to notice the fee for reading private remote water meters, but to reject without prejudice the request to establish a theft charge. Commissioner Mood seconded

the motion, which passed unanimously.

APPEARANCE

Kate Whitney, Administrator  
Utility Division

(36) In the matter of the Commission's discussion of Out of State travel for Candace Beery (FERC joint boards on economic dispatch in Washington D.C.) and Al Brogan (Energy Bar Association meeting in San Francisco in February):

Commissioner Schneider moved to approve Candace Beery's travel, which will be paid by OMS, to the FERC joint boards on economic dispatch in Washington D.C.; and to approve Al Brogan's travel to the Energy Bar Association meeting in San Francisco in February. Commissioner Mood seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Commission the meeting was adjourned.

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GREG JERGESON, Chairman

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BRAD MOLNAR, Vice Chairman

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DOUG MOOD, Commissioner

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ROBERT H. RANEY, Commissioner

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THOMAS J. SCHNEIDER, Commissioner

ATTEST:

Connie Jones  
Commission Secretary

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